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### **CROOKS TO BRING STATEHOUSE OFFICE TO JASPER ON SEPTEMBER 28**

INDIANAPOLIS – State Rep. Dave Crooks (D-Washington) will be bringing his Statehouse office to the city of Jasper on September 28 to meet with constituents and gauge their feelings about issues that will come before the Indiana General Assembly in 2007.

Crooks will set up his office from 2 to 4 p.m. September 28 in the Jasper City Hall, located on 610 Main Street. Joining the lawmaker will be his legislative assistant, Lawrence McCormack.

"Many people find it difficult to come to the Statehouse in Indianapolis during a legislative session, so it is important that I provide them with every chance to talk to me during the times when the Legislature is not in session," Crooks said. "Having office hours in the district is one way they can stay in touch with me throughout the year.

"These sessions have two purposes," he continued. "First, I can find out what issues concern the people I represent, so we can begin to see whether or not the matters can be addressed when the Legislature returns to business in January. Second, this will give my constituents a chance to tell us about the problems they are having that can be addressed through the various agencies in state government."

Past office hours sessions have proven to be very helpful for Crooks as he prepares for the next legislative session.

"People like the chance to meet with their elected officials face-to-face," Crooks said. "It is easier to discuss your problems when you get to talk to someone in person rather than over the phone. Constituent service should be a priority for any lawmaker, and I want to give area residents every chance to meet with me to tell me what concerns them."

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